



WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE CIVIL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

INTERESTED PARTY TESTIMONY

HB 159

June 2, 2020

Chair Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown and members of the House Civil Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to write as an interested party of HB 159.

The OML appreciates the opportunity to work with the sponsor and other interested parties to make improvements to the bill. While the OML still takes issue with the need for this legislation, the substitute bill addresses and improves upon many of the issues and concerns expressed during past interested party meetings.

Particularly, the substitute bill clarifies that the owner of the project retains the right to commence a civil action for a breach of contract or breach of the professional standard of care. In addition, the substitute bill includes reasonable attorney fees and expenses in the definition of “liabilities”.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the sponsor and other interested parties to address concerns we had discussed and for your acceptance of this written testimony.

Sincerely,

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